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21 JUNE 1939.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, FIRST BURIAL. CARADOC, SON OF DAVID AND NELLIE EVANS, DIED 26 FEBRUARY 1887, AGED 10 MONTHS.

On Wednesday morning, 21 June 1939, Mrs. David Evans, in company with her daughter—and only child—Mrs. Harold Lucas, née Joy Awrey Evans, whose husband is an official of the City Treasurer's Office, Seattle, Washington, and Master Evan Lucas; together with Mrs. M.E. Harris, 1284 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, Major Matthews, City Archivist, and Miss Margaret Giles, assistant archivist, visited to Mountain View Cemetery and took a number of photographs of the covered little gravestone.

The marble headstone, formerly white, now grey from exposure, is on the highest top of the ridge, west of Fraser Avenue, and about ten yards from East 33rd Avenue, formerly Bodwell Road.

The inscription reads:

CARADOC
son of
David & Nellie
Evans
Died Feb. 26, 1887
Aged 10 mo's.
AT REST

DAVID EVANS. PETER AWREY. RACHEL AWREY.

The graves of Mr. David Evans, who died 1906, and Peter and Rachel Awrey, father and mother of Mrs. Evans, are in the "new" cemetery—north of 33rd Avenue—and located about 100 yards northwest of the northwest corner of Fraser and 33rd Avenue.

Read and approved by Mrs. Evans, 22 June 1939.

J.S. Matthews.

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. JAMES WALKER, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH SILVEY, OR "PORTUGUESE JOE" No. 1, RESIDES AT 721 CAMBIE STREET, AND CALLED AT CITY ARCHIVES THIS AFTERNOON, 17 JULY 1939.

OLD CHIEF KI-AP-I-LA-NO. CHIEF CAPILANO JOE.

Mrs. Walker said: "When I was about three years old—it was before my sister Josephine was born—my mother took me over to the Indian houses at Capilano Creek, and there I saw old Chief Ki-ap-i-la-no; a great big old man with big legs, and loud voice—anyway, it seemed so to me; that's how I recall him, of course, I was little and perhaps he looked bigger to me than he actually was—and long white hair hanging down over his shoulders, down to his shoulder blades, and the ends used to curl upwards; he was short sighted. He had a son called Lahwa, who I think had a Nanaimo Indian woman for wife; Lahwa was chief afterwards.

"Old Ki-ap-i-la-no used to come over to Brockton Point and camp in a tent—I've told you about it—and he had a hunchback slave wife to look after him; I used to visit him constantly in that old tent."

MARY CAPILANO.

"The well-known Mary, widow of Chief Capilano Joe, was not old Ki-ap-i-la-no's daughter; her mother was a Comox woman. Then she married Capilano Joe; Joe's father was a Chilliwack Indian. Mary Capilano is not near blood to the Squamish Capilanos."

LOMTINAHT. STURGEON.

"Lomtinaht was my mother's sister; this is her photograph; her name in English was Louise; my mother's English name was Mary Ann. Lomtinaht was a very good looking woman; the dead image of my mother who was very good looking too. Lomtinaht married Joe Thomas, who is still living at North Vancouver.